

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, Washington State and the United States of America owe much of their remarkable achievements to the contributions of persons who encompass a wide array of cultural traditions, religious beliefs, lifestyles, and physical abilities; and

**WHEREAS**, all members of our society deserve to live, work, and raise our families in a civil and respectful environment that is free from fear and that permits, empowers, and encourages us all to succeed; and

**WHEREAS**, in light of its unique location on the Pacific Rim, Washington State derives particular benefit from the international relationships it has formed through business, education, science, the arts, information technology, and cultural exchanges; and

**WHEREAS**, these cultural and human interactions enrich the fabric of our society, encourage economic vitality, and enhance peace and security for our state and our nation; and

**WHEREAS**, Washington is, and no doubt will continue to be, a state that supports human rights, upholds social justice, and protects the dignity of all individuals; and

**WHEREAS**, diversity and inclusiveness are an important part of our strength and history, learned through painful lessons; and

**WHEREAS**, when we work together for good causes we are stronger and better than any of us separately;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Christine O. Gregoire, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim July 3, 2006, as

### *Unity Day*

in Washington State, and I urge all citizens to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of June, 2006

*Christine Gregoire*

Governor Christine O. Gregoire

